Appointment of Ministry officials as Chairman and Managing Directors of Public Sector Enterprises

3552. SHRI VIRENDRA KATARIA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that appointment of Ministry officials as Chairmen and Managing Directors of Public Sector Enterprises, with additional charge, are going on despite a Government directive to the contrary;

(b) whether it is also a fact that in Steel Authority of India and Airports Authority of India, Ministries, Officials have been given additional charge even though the Public Enterprises Selection Board had already interviewed the candidates and forwarded the recommendations to the concerned Ministries; and

(c) if so, the reasons for such appointments?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS. (SHRI S.R. BALASUB-RAMONIYAN): (a) to (c) Under Government guidelines, temporary vacancies of Chairmen and Managing Directors in Public Enterprises are to be filled by giving officiating charge to the senior-most Functional Dirctor on the Board of the Enterprise. However, in exceptional circumstances, in the exigencies of public service, such a charge of a temporary vacancy may be given to officers from the concerned Ministries/Departments, in relaxation of the normal guidelines.

In the Steel Authority of India Limited, the additional charge of the post of Chairman was entrusted to an officer of the Ministry of Steel for a short period of about one month, pending the appointment of a regular Chairman.

In the Airports Authority of India, the additional charge of the post of Chairman has been entrusted to a Joint Secretary in the Ministry of Civil Aviation. In the absence of the vigilance clearance in re-pect of one of the candidates on the panel recommended by the PESB, a final decision for appointment of a regular Chairman has not been possible.

BACK-LOG of Reserved Posts in the Ministry of personnel ETC

3553. SHRI MOHINDER SINGH KALYAN: will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the post-wise break-up of posts reserved for SCs and STs lying vacant in various departments under the Ministry of personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions, till date;

(b) the specific reasons therefor;

(c) whether the employees of various other categories have also been promoted in addition to the new recruitments made on some posts during the last three years, till date;

(d) if so, the details thereof, yearwise/ post-wise; and

(e) the aciton being taken or proposed to be taken by Government to clear the backlog of reserved posts in various categories and for promoting the SCs and STs employees, in accordance with the reservation rules?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINIS-! TRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS. (SHRI S.R. BALASUB-RAMONIYAN): (a) As per available information, the break-up of backlog of reserved vacancies as onl.8.96 was as given below:—